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## KOWLOON CONCERNS TO MAKE THEIR OWN ELECTRICITY?

China Light & Power Charges Said To Be Too High;  
Letter To Colonial Secretary

### Possible Action By Consumers

"I am sure that the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., will, in the long run, find it more beneficial to their own interests to accede to our request for a reduction in their present scale of charges for electricity" said Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, when interviewed by the "China Mail" yesterday regarding a threat by leading Chinese factories, restaurants and business concerns in Kowloon to install their own generating sets in the event of the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., refusing to reduce present charges.

Mr. Der informed the "China Mail" that a letter was forwarded by his Chamber to the Colonial Secretary on Friday last, seeking, inter alia, Government's views, relative to the installation of generating sets for private use and not profit.

It was pointed out by Mr. Der that any reduction in the scale of charges for electricity would not benefit Chinese in Kowloon alone, but also foreigners as well.

Mr. Der said that negotiations with the Light Company for a reduction in their scale of charges have been in progress since September last, without any fruitful result being achieved.

"It is the plea of the Company that they must recoup their war losses" said Mr. Der, who added that it was ridiculous to suggest that the public should be called upon to make good losses for which it was in no way responsible.

#### Generators

Mr. Der also disclosed that negotiations for the purchase

### Impressive Send-Off For King

Weymouth, Feb. 1.  
A two-mile line of warships representing the might of the British Home Fleet bade farewell to the battleship HMS Vanguard carrying the Royal Family to South Africa this morning. The ceremony was made unexpectedly dramatic by receipt of an urgent Admiralty message that a mine had been sighted in the area.

The warning arrived as 10,000 sailors lined the decks of the Naval guard of honour. They uttered a mighty cheer while every ship in the line thundered a Royal salute of 21 guns as the Vanguard slowly slid past with the King, Queen and the Princesses standing on the forward twin-gun turrets.

The escort ships swiftly broke ranks from the exercise which they had been practicing since last November, and sped to the positions designated in the Admiralty message. The mine was only two miles away from the Vanguard when Britain's biggest and newest battleship slipped out of the danger zone to continue her long journey to South Africa. The escort ships disposed of the mine.—United Press.

#### Tribute From Capetown

Capetown, Feb. 2.  
Capetown newspapers yesterday came out with banner headlines "Royal Family leaves London for Union," along with excellent radio pictures showing the Queen and Princess Margaret driving to Waterloo Station and bidding their friends farewell.

In a leader, the Cape Times said that "even those unmated by a monarchial fervour have a warm admiration for the devotion of their Majesties to their people through the long years of war strain and danger."—Associated Press.

### Austin Plant Closing Down To-Day

Birmingham, Feb. 2.  
The Austin Motor Company, protesting for the second time in six weeks at Government allocations of coal during the winter shortage, announced last night that its plant here would close down indefinitely.

The Austin Birmingham plant employs 17,000 workers and is the largest individual automobile factory in Britain.

"We are faced with the alternative of working one day, then working two days—which is ridiculous—or one full five-day week in every ten weeks," Mr. L. P. Lord, chairman of the Company, said in a statement.

Lord's announcement was the first adverse reaction from industry to the Government's rationing of industrial coal in the acute shortage caused by the recent cold wave.

The Austin chairman made a similar announcement of a close down just before Christmas, saying, "the Birmingham plant could not open after the holidays but withdrew it when the Government sent in coal by

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# "Izvestia" And U.S. Withdrawal

The international reviewer of the Soviet official newspaper *Izvestia* states that the United States decision to withdraw from the Committee of Three, acting as mediator in the civil war in China sums up a definite phase of American foreign policy.

It is known that the Committee of Three which besides Americans included representatives of the Kuomintang and Communist Party, was created on the initiative of the United States soon after the arrival in China of General Marshall in 1945," the reviewer states.

He goes on to say that the former American Ambassador to China, Major-General Patrick Hurley, had "carried out a policy of active support for reactionary circles in China."

The Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers in December, 1945 expressed its desire for unification and democratization," he continues, "and the United States were compelled to alter their policy in China to a certain extent. Their interference in internal Chinese affairs was henceforward disguised as mediation. This mediation, however, immediately assumed a very one-sided character."

The reviewer goes on to say that the Kuomintang, feeling American support behind them, disregarded the armistice with the Communists, "refused to apply the decision regarding the creation of a coalition and convoked the National Assembly, which passed the constitution legalising the power of the reactionary clique."

"The American policy in China has suffered complete bankruptcy. Events will show whether competent American circles will draw necessary conclusions from the collapse of the present policy in China or whether a new form of interference will follow the breakdown of the policy of mediation."

In another article, criticising United States policy in the Far

## How We Can Help China

London, Feb. 2. There are many ways in which Britain and China can really help each other, said Lady Cripps, President of the British United Aid to China Fund, in a speech at a reception of the Anglo-Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Though neither country at the moment was capable of making great material supplies available to each other in trade, she said, it was important that the two countries should fill the gap by other forms of mutual help.

She suggested, for example, the dispatch of British experts who could help the Chinese in social welfare work. Another way would be to provide facilities for young Chinese administrators to come to Britain to study British administration.

Lady Cripps said that she came back from her China tour with a deep conviction of the possibilities for the future between the two countries, if we could go forward unafraid and with trust in each other. Central News.

Disarmament Proposal Meets Snag

Lake Success, Feb. 2. An American proposal for worldwide arms reduction, being drafted for presentation to the United Nations Security Council, already has snagged in Russian objections, authoritative sources said today.

The basic arms-atomic plan authored by delegate Warren Austin after consultations with President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall was taken up privately and in advance with the other 10 nations on the council.

The Soviet objections developed during a conference between Austin and Andrei Gromyko, Russia's representative on the Council. Whether the United States will give ground or insist on all major provisions of the proposal was not known.

Indications were that Austin would be guided by the ultimate results of his advance parleys with the other delegations. Associated Press.

Declaration Of Rights

Washington, Feb. 2. The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States released today a "Declaration of Human Rights" which set down for the first time broad claims upon the nations who live in the world community.

It outlined 13 rights which are responsibilities of the State, among them being the "right to the assistance of the international community in time of economic or social distress."

The declaration was issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference which is an organization of Bishops and Archbishops in the United States, and was sent to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights, of which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is chairman.

Among other rights of States were: "Revision of treaties which are no longer in accord with fundamental justice," and the "Right of access upon equal terms to the markets and raw materials of the world necessary for its own life as a people."—United Press.

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The 1st floor of the Gloucester Hotel will be as usual the place of tomorrow's meeting for the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at 12.30 p.m. Capt. E. Hale Tink, has kindly consented to talk to the Club on "Invasion of Normandy."

## HONG KONG PLANE DELAYED

Poole, Dorset, Feb. 1. A flying-boat bound for Hong Kong was delayed today because of bad visibility and ice formation in Poole harbour. It may take off tomorrow if the weather improves.—Reuters.

## If Russia Fills The Vacuum

Washington, Feb. 2. The Army and Navy Journal said today that "our best informed military people" in China would have preferred a delay in the withdrawal of American forces from China until Russia also removed her troops.

The unofficial military publication said that among these people "there long had been a disposition to remain in China awhile longer if only to avert the vacuum which our withdrawal might cause."

The journal added that they felt that if Russia promptly moved in to fill the vacuum the situation would be worse rather than better.

They and perhaps the Chinese would have preferred to have the United States withdrawal made effective on the day that Soviet Russia withdraws its military personnel from Dairen in accordance with Winston Churchill and his Allies' demands of long ago.

"As it is," the journal added, "we have voluntarily given up a consideration which might have been used to get the Russians to make good their agreement with China."—Associated Press.

China Today

Sir,—"The proclamation of the leading citizens of Shanghai appealing for peace and cessation of hostilities by the two warring factions in China is significant in that it had set forth no concrete proposals upon which peace discussions could be resumed. It may be presumed that the signatories to the appeal are not lacking in definite opinions and convictions with regard to the prerequisite conditions for the resumption of peace discussions to settle the disputes of the two hostile parties, but that the time is not yet mature or opportune for Chinese non-partisan nationals to set forth any fundamentally prerequisite proposals for the opening of a new peace conference. Chinese citizens are in want of lead. What, then, is conditional demands set forth by the Communists just, consistent, constitutional, reasonable, or otherwise? These are the momentous questions to which the Chinese Nation is anxiously awaiting elucidation, impartial and just solution.

In his declaration on the eve of his departure from China to Washington, George Marshall refers to the two demands of the Communists in a single stroke of the pen by simply saying that these two demands are unacceptable to Chiang Kai Shek. Being in an unique position to know better than any other impartial observer his comments, if any forthcoming, on the demands of the Communists would clarify matters and pave the way to break the dead-lock of the present state of affairs.

Should the resumption of peace discussions between the two warring parties be based on the fundamental principles and compromises agreed upon and formally pledged by all parties and duly witnessed by official American mediators in January last year? Or should a new peace conference be convened based on new foundations, and thus creating a precedent by countenancing the dishonoring of solemn pledges at the convenience of a signatory?

These are the questions confronting the Chinese Nation today, and a just and impartial answer will move the current of public opinion towards the goal for peace.

The reasons are: (1) The present inflation and exorbitant transportation fees. For example, the freight charges from Honolulu to Shanghai are cheaper than those for unloading the cargo from the Whampoa River into warehouses. Similarly, payment for the cargo cannot be received in U.S. dollars and, consequently, businessmen are badly suffering from the adverse difference between the official foreign exchange and the black market.

The reasons are: (2) All Chinese staffs are demanding increase in salaries, making conditions extremely difficult.

Many cargoes arrived in the Whampoa River mouth but were forbidden to be brought in and unloaded. Many cargoes have been shipped to Tientsin but the Chinese Government restricted foreign shipping and regulation.

The Chinese merchant service is unreliable and irregular, taking one month and some much as three months.

The Chinese Republic two constitutions had been drawn up and promulgated by dictators, one by Yuan Shih Kai and the other by Tsao Tuan; both of these constitutions were drafted by the Chinese and their demands put forth by the warring factions. The Chinese Nation will then be able to disprove the party propaganda with which they had continually been fed, and open their eyes to discern which side has really been sincere and obstructing the road to peace. Then, and not till then, will the currents of public opinion in all parts of the country unite into one majestic torrent to sweep away the obstacles and condemn or approve the conditions set forth by the warring parties, and to have a decisive vote in the reconstruction of the ravaged country.

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## Soviet-U.S. Rumpus In Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 2.

American and Russian commanders of Berlin are engaged in a bitter personal exchange over labour policy in the most serious controversy that has come into the open since the four-power Government was established here. In an unprecedented attack on a colleague in the Allied commandatura, Major General Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet commander, aired in the German press the secret proceedings of commandantura meetings and charged Colonel Frank L. Howley, American deputy commander, with attempting to "sabotage" a proposed Berlin trade union election.

Howley in turn declared in a statement that Kotikov was trying to hide the truth.

"We have a policy of not washing our dirty linen before the Germans," said another high American official, "this is a plain case of dirty poker."

Howley said in a statement "never before has a Russian commander—and we have had four of them in Berlin—stooped to insult his Allies in the German press."

Regrettable

Charging that Kotikov "broke a gentleman's agreement" by taking the secret discussions of the commandantura to the German press and violated "Allied control authority" instructions not to allow the German press to show discord among the Allies. Howley added "this action was most regrettable and an unfortunate way of doing business."

It was an attempt by Kotikov to discredit his Allies in the eyes of the Germans and prevent the Chinese from Dairen in accordance with Winston Churchill and his Allies' demands of long ago.

Miss Attlee, who has been engaged in social work among the coloured people for 25 years, recalls that just before she left Capetown a coloured woman gave a dinner party for her.

"My coloured friends got up and said very movingly, 'She is going back to England and her body will be buried there—but she whom the children call Attie will always live in our hearts.' I too shall always remember them."—Reuters.

## Colour Bar Should Go

London, Feb. 1.

Mary Attlee, oldest sister of the British Prime Minister, writing in the "World's Children" magazine published by the "Save the Children" Fund, pleads for the removal of the colour bar in South Africa.

"Restrictions on half-castes make for misunderstanding and bitterness between races," she says, "and it is hardly to be wondered at that some of the best coloured people tend to despise their white friends."

Miss Attlee, who has





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## UNITED EUROPE

Mr. Churchill has formed a Committee of a "private and popular character" to further the idea that Europe must unite or perish. His Committee is strong and remarkable, and contains outstanding veterans of every party and of no party, who have made the organization of international relationships their provinces. Mr. Lionel Curtis, Mr. George Gibson, Mr. Victor Gollancz, Sir Walter Layton, and Professor Gilbert Murray are some of the names which guarantee that this new body is very far from being the political工具 which, since Mr. Churchill restarted drumming on the idea at Zurich last September, some cynics and snifters have suspected it to be. But there is no member of the Committee more entitled to associate himself with the project than Mr. Churchill. Even when leading a forlorn crusade against appeasement, he always had one foot on British strength and the other on international organization. "Some say," he then remarked, "Put your trust in the League of Nations." Others say "Put your trust in British rearmament." I say "We want both. I put my trust in both"; and on another occasion, "The only thing that is ridiculous about collective security is that we have not got it."

Two things are clear. The first is that the idea of a United Europe appeals strongly to the public. The second is that many people are puzzled about the practical details of such a plan. The Committee has been wise, in its first pronouncement, to avoid details altogether. The strategy is the same as that which launched the Mulberry—the artificial harbour which played such a part in making the liberation of Europe possible. In his famous memorandum enjoining the designing of Mulberry, Mr. Churchill ordered those concerned not to waste time on thinking up difficulties before they began—"the difficulties will suggest themselves." So, when now setting out to create an artificial harbour of another kind, he starts by propagating the general idea only. There is a second difference between the Committee's inaugural statement and some others, including Mr. Churchill's own, namely, that it does not contain a word about Communism.

Nevertheless, difficulties will arise, and one of the first is bound to be Russian and therefore Communist hostility. The Committee is wise in not letting itself be deterred by that prospect. If nothing were ever started which Russia was likely to veto in the first instance, little would ever be started at all. If other nations proved to be favourable, something might be worked out which would in practice disarm Russian suspicions. A second difficulty is to decide what is meant by Britain's "full contribution to European unity," and whether she is to be a member both of United Europe and of the British Commonwealth, or leave direct participation in the former to what seems likely to be her French partner. A last difficulty is the extent to which nations would be willing to surrender their sovereignty to such a "Regional Group." The Committee says it would be premature to answer this question now, and that is clearly true. Mr. Churchill has himself suggested a Council of Europe with advisory and consultative functions in economic matters, but—apparently—something more in matters of defence. These things can, however, wait until the Committee has explored and organized support for the general idea, though they cannot wait forever. What can be said now is that the general idea is good, and that Mr. Churchill could not have done better with his tremendous reputation and prestige in Europe, than to devote part of his energies to a task so well designed for an Elder Statesman.

## War Lost Before It Was Begun

London, Jan. 30. In one sense Germany lost the war before it was begun because Germany was never prepared for a naval war against Britain.

The possibility of having Britain as an antagonist was not envisaged until 1938, because the Hitler Government was ill advised politically.

This point stands out in three lengthy German documents made public by the British Admiralty today. They are:

1. "Aspects of the German naval war" by two unnamed German naval staff officers attached to the historical section of the German naval headquarters.

2. "Essay by Grand Admiral Doenitz (commander-in-chief of the German Navy from January 1943)" on the war at sea.

3. "Documents related to the resignation of the German commander-in-chief, navy, Grand Admiral Raeder and to the decommissioning of the French Colonial army so that it could resist a possible British landing."

The documents make clear the friction between the German navy and the army and the Luftwaffe.

Say that with the right personalities in power, the inevitable friction could have been overcome, but with Raeder, an experienced leader of sound judgment, on the one hand, and Goering, a narrow-minded dilettante, on the other, cooperation was impossible.

Even the system of arbitration failed through lack of specialised knowledge on the part of the Wehrmacht commander-in-chief.

Doenitz wrote in his essay

that "when the situation at sea in the Mediterranean took an unexpectedly favourable turn for us—the Italian fleet failed to make adequate use of it."

The decommissioning of the German high seas fleet in early 1944 was a result of inter-service conflicts.

It is possible that the decision of Hitler was arrived at gradually, and German naval files indicate clearly that requests for other branches for allocations of men and material played their part in shaping this policy of still greater influence must have been the consequences of Allied naval operations, by which the German high seas fleet was driven from the seas and forced to seek shelter. — Associated Press.

U-Boats

The un-named German historians consider that the composition of the German fleet in 1939 was influenced partly by the restriction of the Versailles treaty, but chiefly by the attitude of the political leaders, who regarded a war with Britain as out of the question.

Doenitz claimed that preparations for the invasion of Britain were complete in September 1940 but then, "it became also apparent that complete defeat of the English air force had by no means been achieved. Thus one of the most important pre-requisites for invasion was lacking."

In Allied interrogation subsequent to his essay, Doenitz said that although the war was lost in one sense before it was begun, in another sense it might still have been won. It was expected that the new type U-boats would radically alter the course of the war. They would have been ready by the Autumn of 1944 but for the delay in production caused by the bombing. To this extent the bombing offensive, in Doenitz's opinion can be said to have won the war for the Allies.

Raeder, in his farewell to his officers, said that "the measures taken from the very outset to expand the submarine force were correct, far sighted and therefore fruitful. Thanks to our office in Holland and connections with the Spanish and Finnish navies we were able to create a certain basis for building up a submarine arm even under the Versailles system, utilising the experience gained in World War I."

Norway

The German navy's attitude toward Norway was based on the conviction that Norway's neutrality would be the happiest solution but only if Norwegian territorial waters were also respected by the enemy," Doenitz wrote.

On the other hand, all possible means would have to be employed to prevent Norway becoming an English sphere of influence, "in this would also lead to the blocking of the North Sea and constitute a threat to the entrance to the Baltic."

When the invasion of Norway was actually launched some of the German transports were attacked and sunk by British submarines. "When it was announced on the Norwegian wireless that shipwrecked Germans soldiers from these ships had reached the land, the whole expedition seemed in danger," Doenitz wrote. "No further effective counter-measures were taken by the English but the Norwegian resistance encountered several places may have been due to this advance alarm."

Raeder regarded the Norwegian operation "as the first climax of our naval campaign" and said: "I believe that the war as a whole could not have been carried on without the occupation of Norway."

The question of Norwegian neutrality figured prominently

in the story of the two naval staff officers. The fact that on this depended the safe shipment of Swedish ore to Germany via Narvik led to the postponement of the invasion.

"But Norway's pro-British sympathies demonstrated by her reception of the Altmark incident, influenced the Germans to embark on their invasion."

## Italian Inferiority Complex

The two naval officers blamed the undue haste with which the armistice with France was drawn up, and as a result of which the occupation of Tunis and Dakar was not insisted upon, as being largely responsible for the position in which the Axis found itself in the Mediterranean.

The naval war staff repeatedly urged the closest collaboration with France, even at the cost of political sacrifices including recognition of France as a sovereign power and the complete equipment of the French Colonial army so that it could resist a possible British landing.

The un-named authors considered that Italian naval operations had so little success because of a feeling of inferiority on the part of the Italian naval war staff. In the German view this was without justification since the strength of the Italian fleet, with its two new battleships, was considered to compare not unfavourably with that of the British navy.

But it soon became apparent that a certain measure of Italian control in the Central Mediterranean was all that could be achieved.

Doenitz wrote in his essay that "when the situation at sea in the Mediterranean took an unexpectedly favourable turn for us—the Italian fleet failed to make adequate use of it."

The decommissioning of the German high seas fleet in early 1944 was a result of inter-service conflicts.

Many causes have contributed to this state of affairs. At the end of the war, there was a backlog of thousands of people who had urgent personal or

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In that eventuality life wouldn't be worth living—but I would prefer it in one lump sum!"

## Do You Recall These Names?

As the recent war took its global course strange names of the atlas were opened and remote places became household words. Much of that fleeting knowledge of geography now escapes us. Prilep, Bitoli, Kleisoura, Monastir ... These were some of the places in the news as our forces fell back to the Thermopylae line during the tragic but magnificent days of the Greek campaign in the spring of 1941. How many could recall these names today and their significance in the battle?

Valona and Durazzo; these names should be better remembered! They figured day after day in the communiques covering the air operations carried out by the Royal Air Force from Greece in the winter of 1940 when it was sent to support the Greeks in their heroic struggle against Italian aggression. Valona and Durazzo were the ports of Albania through which the Italians were pushing men and material while the Greeks strove to effect a speedy mobilisation. When Air Vice-Marshal J. H. (now Sir John) D'Albion brought his small force to Greece every pressure was brought to bear upon him in Athens to give close support of the land forces, whereas he appreciated that the best help he could give to the Greeks was to concentrate his bombers on the enemy's disembarkation ports and lines of communication.

"I finally obtained agreement on this policy" Sir John writes in his Greek despatch and attacks were directed from the rear on the enemy's back areas.... By the end of November, the Italian advance had been stemmed and the Greek Forces who had by then completed their concentration were able to take the offensive. The Greek General Staff were most appreciative of the prompt and valuable help we had been able to provide, and they expressed the view that it was largely due to our assistance that the situation had now become satisfactory."

For some unaccountable reason on the other hand, Sir John points out, the Italian air force, could if handled properly, have played havoc with the Greek mobilisation and concentration arrangements but completely failed to do so.

As the winter passed it was deemed essential in February 1941 to stimulate the morale of the Greek troops in an offensive to capture Valona by using the RAF bombers in close support of the Greek attack. From a purely local and spectacular point of view this form of co-operation was an instant and complete success. He received fulsome praise Sir John writes, but he felt this high regard was based on false promises for "although we were invigorating our friends, we were misemploying our aircraft. Later events proved this to be the case...."

The latter part of the despatch tells in greater detail of the air operations after the arrival of the British land forces. A despatch cannot describe the steadfast day-to-day bravery of the men who flew and serviced eighty aircraft opposed to 1,000. But Sir John gives us an idea of what that fight entailed when he sums up: "Even after being shot down, our lighter pilots would immediately take the air in aircraft which had been ridden with bullets and by all normal standards were totally unserviceable. The courage of these men never failed nor looked like failing. Each man was aware of his great responsibility in the face of great odds."

The evacuation to Crete and on to Egypt hardly lessened that responsibility. And of the aircraft themselves what finer example of their quality could be cited than the Sunderland flying boat staggering into the air to carry away in one flight to safety crew and passengers to the number of eighty-four.

## Airlines' BACK IN OPERATION

London, Feb. 1. The British Overseas Airways Corporation reported considerable improvement in flying conditions today.

By this afternoon, airfields had taken off from London airport for the Middle East, South Africa and India. Incoming planes arrived from America and Australia.

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That if West had all three and would be wise enough to play the K on the first trick.

Hoping for the 2-1 division, but also providing all possible lure for play of the K on the first club, he led the Q from dummy, just as is his custom, promptly

"covered" an honor, with an "I honor," and the A killed his K.

That if West had all three and would be wise enough to play the K on the first trick.

If East had played low on the club Q, South could have scored only three club tricks and would have been set, no matter what he did thereafter.

## Tomorrow's Problem

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Washington, Feb. 1. High Government officials today flatly denied reports that the United States and Britain are on the verge of a secret defence pact aimed at Soviet Russia.

"The United States is committed to the United Nations for any international defence measures and is making no pacts—secret or otherwise with anybody," one high ranking official said.

The denial followed a statement in London by Konni Zilliacus, rebel Labour Member of Parliament, that a secret pact was being negotiated. He said it was intended to provide joint defence against Russia.

The Labourite's statement created a stir despite denial both in Washington and London.

Senator Glen Taylor, Democrat, Idaho, said it would be a "shocking revelation" if true. "The people of the United States place their faith in international cooperation," Taylor said, and have "turned their backs on the old power politics based on secret treaties."

Senator George A. Wilson, Republican, Iowa, said he was "for the United States being alone." Senator Edwin Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, said he "hopes the gentleman (Zilliacus) does not know what he is talking about." He noted that the story is denied there and "in this country."

## London Denial

War Department sources here also denied any plans for a formal pact although they said they have long-range military cooperation between the two countries.

In London, a British Government spokesman acknowledged that the two countries are discussing standardisation of weapons and further peacekeeping military cooperation but denied plans for a pact.

Zilliacus connected his charges with the speech made by ex-Prime Minister Winston Churchill in Fulton, Mo., last March.

At that time Churchill urged an Anglo-American "fraternal association" with close military co-operation.

The wartime Prime Minister said the programme should provide for similarity of weapons and instruction; joint use of air and navy bases and "common study of potential dangers."

The Hague, Feb. 1. Special measures to prevent theft from trains passing through Germany with goods exchanged between Holland and Czechoslovakia are being taken following talks between trade representatives of the two countries at The Hague.—Reuter.

Arctic Defence A  
Grave Problem

New York, Jan. 31.

Defence of the Arctic is a "grave problem" for both Canada and the United States and the two countries are acting on this problem, the weekly "America" said today.

"Canada has engaged herself in organising outposts on the Arctic which will insure detection of strange air forces and will watch for unauthorised bases," the article said.

"She feels that it is essential to her own safety. She wishes to have sufficient outposts to do the job properly, but not so many as to alarm other nations. The outposts are to be purely Canadian, but the presence of observers is not excluded."

"The Arctic has ceased to be a protective zone. The great powers and many small nations are in the North Temperate Zone. All are within range of airplanes coming out of the Arctic."

The magazine continued to say that "the sole defence against this is to discover hostile planes while they are yet on route" as Great Britain did against German planes in the war.

## Grave Problem

The article pointed out that the Arctic was now "practically unguarded" and that in the organisation of outposts, "the United States is aiding Canada and the two nations are co-operating. They have recently completed joint operations in the Far North to test methods of supply, equipment and communications."

"(This obviously referred to last winter's "Operation Musk-Ox" and possibly to joint activities this winter which so far have not been officially revealed.)

The weekly said that in these joint operations "it was found that there was no difficulty in supplying by air military forces anywhere within the Arctic. More manoeuvres and operations are envisaged."

"For the United States and Canada, this is a grave problem," the weekly said. "It is necessary to watch both East and West. The two nations are striving their utmost to be ready to have an efficient guard against an attack from the frozen North as soon as there are indications that there is a chance of that occurring."

Constantin Tsaldaris, deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, speaking in the debate as leader of the Populist Majority Party, said that the Populists now considered that a new general election should be held in Greece at the earliest possible opportunity with the participation of the parties which abstained in the general elections in March.

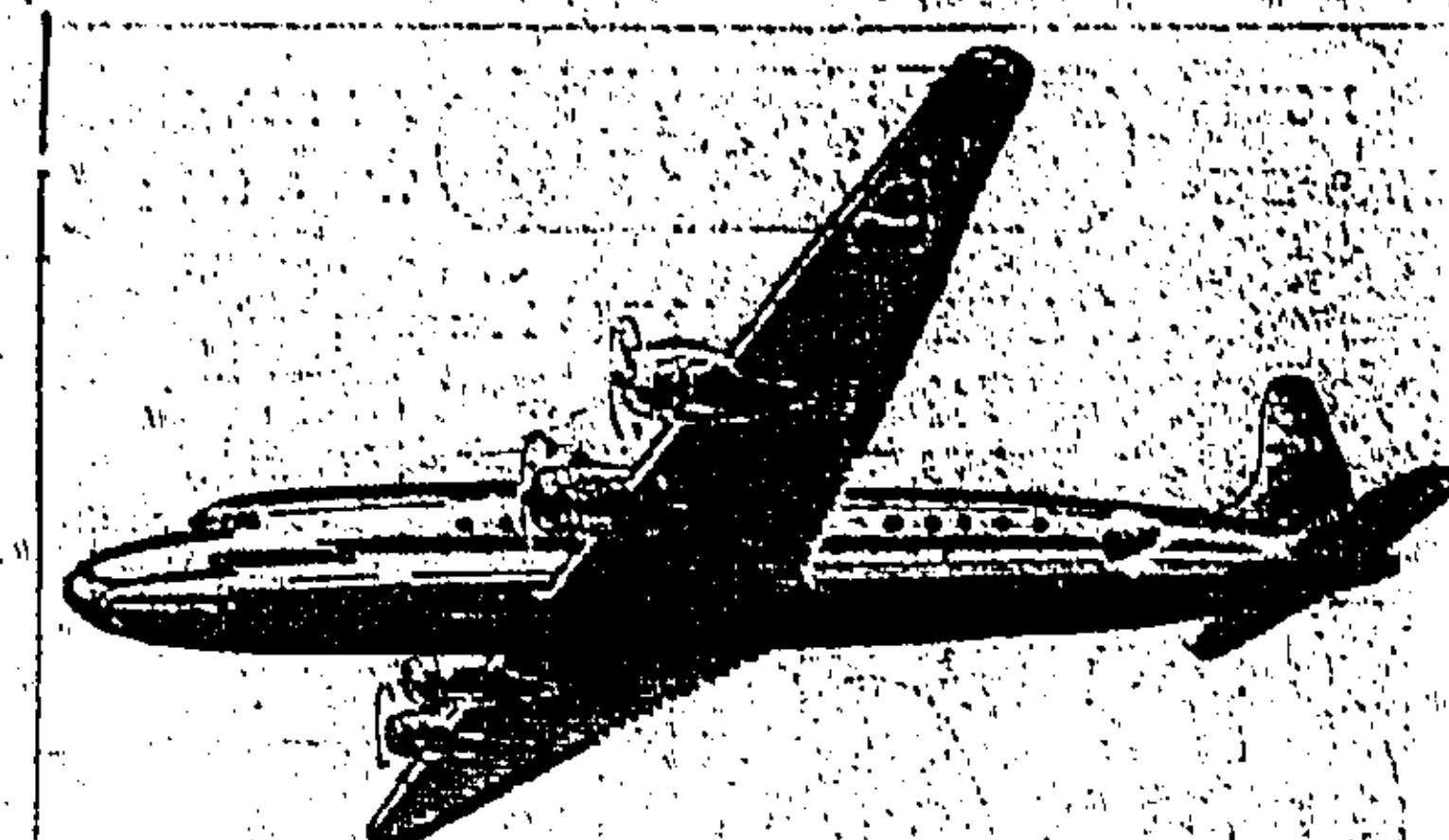
The Chamber tonight went into recess till Feb. 25.

(Practically all parties of the Left and three of the minor parties of the Centre had instructed their followers not to vote at the March 31 elections).—Reuter.

GUS BROWN  
MURDERED

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 1. The body of Gus Brown, old time English music hall star, was found knifed to death in his apartment here this morning.

Brown, well-known in Rio for many years and recently opened a dancing school.—Reuter.



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# BRITONS BEGINNING PALESTINE EXODUS

Jerusalem, Feb. 1.  
Leaflet bombs burst tonight in Tel Aviv, scattering the Ingim Zvai Leumi terrorist declaration "we will carry on the fight against Britain" while final preparations for the evacuation of 2,000 British families from Palestine were in progress.

The evacuation is due to begin on Tuesday and Trans-World Airlines have laid on three special planes to transport the families to the Middle East when the Government "quit Palestine" order comes into force.

Royal Air Force Lancasters and Halifaxs, trains with sleeping cars and private motor cars will take the evacuees to the ports of embarkation. "Comfort" will be the keynote of the evacuation according to civil and military officials.

The United States Government does not consider it necessary to evacuate 4,900 Americans in Palestine, the State Department announced tonight, according to a Reuter cable from Washington.

A special meeting of the Jewish Agency executive to discuss the present situation in Palestine was called in Jerusalem shortly after senior officers of the Army, Air Force and Palestine Police had held high-level "top secret" talks in the British military headquarters, which lasted 45 minutes.

The harassed British housewives are trying to plan how much personal kit they can pack into 75 pounds weight of baggage allowed them for flying.

"What shall I do with my dachshunds," was the problem of one woman. The Government had foreseen this, however, and made plans to look after dogs.

Most housewives here are dreading the dreary waits at the assembly points, the inevitable mix-ups and the winter voyage. Some of the evacuate wives were claiming today they had been "let down by the people at home." They were disappointed that the quit order was approved in the editorial columns of a section of the British press.

### King's Offer

A senior officer's wife said: "If we refuse to go our husbands lose their jobs. We have no alternative."

A ship carrying 22 families of British servicemen on their way to join the soldiers in Palestine, has been diverted to a neighbouring port in view of the evacuation.

King Abdullah of Transjordan is understood to have offered "his protection" to any British wives and families due for evacuation, according to reports from usually reliable sources in Amman, his mountain capital.

A number of Government officials were reported earlier today to have been investigating the possibility of moving

their families into Transjordan, which is within easy reach of Palestine's cities and which could be visited at weekends. — Reuter.

### Going To England

London, Feb. 1. British women and children, who are being evacuated from Palestine, will go to widely separated parts of the Middle East and to the British African possessions before being taken to England, informed sources said here today. High on the list of possible reception areas are Egyptian, Canal Zone, Kenya, Tanganyika, South Africa and Cyprus.

Though official sources have no comment or information it is considered most likely that wives and children will be moved in troopships and liners chartered by the Ministry of Transport.

If this is so, informed sources said that Cyprus and the Suez Canal zone may be major reception centres. — Reuter.

### HORRORS AHEAD

Washington, Feb. 1. Military leaders speculated that the Atomic Energy Commission might be developing such "improved atomic weapons" as guided missiles with atomic warheads.

They see other possibilities were artillery shells with atomic warheads and more powerful atomic bombs. — United Press.

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HONG KONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1947.

# Snowballs At Home Soccer Matches

London, Feb. 1.  
Four more cancellations owing to weather occurred in the major football programme today, when the thaw did not materialise sufficiently to improve ground conditions and banks of snow surrounded many grounds.

The Norwich players cleared their own ground before play with Aldershot started while there was entertainment at Highbury where Arsenal, striking some of their old time glory, vanquished one of the leading clubs in Division One. Only the touchlines had been cleared of snow here and the spectators enjoyed themselves snowballing the press photographers who were occupying vantage points near the goals.

Then Manchester's goal-keeper caused laughter by putting the ball on a small mound of snow like teeing up a golf ball when he took the first kick.

During the game there was never any doubt about Arsenal's superiority in adapting themselves to the conditions.

In London's big "Derby" game at Charlton it seemed that Chelsea were heading for a thrashing after their strenuous Cup ties, for Robinson scored twice to give Charlton a useful lead.

But the scheming of Lawton and the brilliance of Chelsea's famous trio, Lawton, Walker and Gould, turned the scales. First, Walker scored, then Lawton netted with a typical header from Goulden's pass and Goulden himself crashed home the winning goal in the second half.

## Leaders Lose

It was not a good day for the First Division's leading clubs, though Wolverhampton, the leaders, were unable to play owing to weather. None of the next three teams took advantage to close the gap, all losing. Preston was completely outplayed by Stoke after the first half promised a tense struggle. Peppitt had scored, but his second goal started almost a riot of goals which Steele (2) and Ormiston completed.

Middlesbrough looked like winning when at the interval they led 2-1, aided by Forbes putting through his own goal, but Sheffield's forwards were on the target afterwards, scoring three without further response.

Manchester United drop several places as a result of their defeat, because Blackpool, Liverpool and Aston Villa all overtook them.

The Villa's was an impressive win, Ford scoring both goals in the second half.

## Trouble With Spectators

Stubbins netted Liverpool's two, with Grainger scoring for Wales, 22-8.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 1.  
All Rugby Union matches were cancelled today owing to snow and frost, except the International between Scotland and Wales which resulted in a win for Wales, 22-8.—Reuter.

Davos, Feb. 2.  
Barbara Ann Scott (Canada) won the European Women's figure skating championship today when she proved she was in a class of her own. There was keen competition for second place before Gretchen Merrill (United States) became the runner-up with Daphne Walker, the British champion and leading English competitor, third.—Reuter.

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### First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolves	20	17	6	6	61	32	37
Preston	27	14	6	7	51	32	34
Middlesb.	27	14	5	8	53	32	33
Liverpool	27	14	5	8	53	32	33
Blackpool	27	14	2	10	46	40	22
Sheffield U.	20	14	5	6	46	42	21
Sheffield C.	20	14	7	6	47	38	21
Manchester U.	20	14	3	9	55	35	21
Sheffield D.	20	14	3	9	45	46	20
Stoke	20	14	5	6	42	35	20
Villa	27	13	5	9	41	46	19
Sunderland	20	11	3	12	45	31	19
Grimby	26	8	9	12	42	22	19
Derby	26	11	2	12	42	22	19
Everton	27	10	6	11	42	22	18
Arsenal	20	9	6	12	42	22	18
West Ham	20	9	6	12	42	22	18
Brentford	20	8	4	14	42	21	18
Charlton	20	7	5	14	40	39	19
Huddersfield	27	7	4	16	40	37	19
Leeds	26	6	4	16	40	37	19

### Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester C.	26	17	6	5	53	32	31
Bury	27	14	6	7	47	36	31
Newcastle	26	15	6	7	48	36	31
Birmingham	27	14	2	9	48	36	31
Leicester	26	14	5	8	48	36	31
Chesterfield	20	10	6	6	41	29	21
West Brom.	26	12	6	5	46	29	21
Southampton	26	10	6	5	46	29	21
Coventry	26	8	10	7	37	32	20
Luton	27	11	4	12	37	32	20
Notts Forest	26	10	6	11	46	26	20
Blyth	26	10	6	11	46	26	20
Pulham	24	10	4	10	43	21	19
Hull	27	8	4	11	41	23	19
Harroway	27	6	7	10	42	22	19
Sunderland	26	7	6	10	42	22	19
West Ham	26	9	4	12	40	27	19
Millwall	27	6	6	10	42	23	19
Wednesday	26	6	5	14	42	23	19
Swansea	26	5	2	18	37	30	19
Newport	26	4	17	7	37	30	19

### Third Division North

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster	26	21	6	5	70	30	30
Rotherham	24	16	4	4	64	27	29
Chester	25	15	5	6	63	34	29
Stockport	26	16	2	8	62	29	29
Bradford C.	26	15	7	4	62	31	29
Wrexham	24	16	2	10	59	31	29
Wigan	24	12	6	10	45	26	29
Tranmere	22	12	8	12	46	26	29
Darlington	27	11	4	12	46	25	29
Gateshead	27	11	8	13	49	25	29
Barrow	26	10	5	12	34	25	29
Hartlepools.	27	8	7	12	34	25	29
Carlisle	24	10	2	12	44	25	29
Lincoln	26	7	2	14	42	25	29
Leeds	26	7	2	14	42	25	29
Hull	26	7	11	10	39	22	29
York	25	6	8	12	40	22	29
New Brighton	24	7	6	11	36	25	29
Accrington	27	3	10	11	31	27	29
Southport	27	3	9	19	31	29	29
Bolton	26	4	17	7	32	26	29

### Third Division South

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff	26	21	6	4	70	30	31
Q. P. Rangers	24	14	6	4	62	29	31
Bristol City	23	13	6	6	64	32	31
Irwell	26	11	8	7	48	35	31
Swindon	26	11	8	7	48	35	31
Torquay	26	11	6	8	49	36	31
Exeter	26	10	7	8	44	27	31
Walsall	26	10	6	9	47	36	31
Port Vale	26	10	6	9	47	36	31
Brighton-Hove	26	9	8	11	50	36	31
Bournemouth	26	11	5	11	43	36	31
Paisley	26	10	4	12	40	27	31
Mansfield	25	7	7	14	42	27	31
Aldershot	26	6	6	14	42	27	31
Bristol R.	27	6	6	16	29	22	31
Orient	24	5	14	7	31	22	31
Norwich	26	5	3	18	37	20	31</